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or business can be sent by telephone.

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a, as second-class matter.]

An Imperial Romance.

The startling result of the little cloud

that gathered in Corea eight or nine

weeks ago has been given in cable dis-

patches. Previous to that China was

regarded as unconquerable, because of

her teeming population, numbering

hundreds of millions, and of the reck-

less disregard of life, characteristic of

her fanatical soldiers. China has been

the land of mysteries, but is the land of

mysteries no longer, thanks to the con-

quering arms of Japan. Its immense

territory made it impossible for ordina-

ry Europeans to traverse it through

and through, and even had he the will,

he had not the facilities or the privi-

leges to carry out his desire. China is

to a certain extent a fairy-like land,

and strange, wonderful stories are told

of its people, its castles and its rulers.

And most mysterious of all has been

the life of the imperial ruler, whose

sway, apparently, is now at an end.

Even to his own people he was a mys-

tery—almost a god. Nothing was ever

neglected to exalt him in the eyes of

the nation. He was clothed with a

unique and sacred character. He was

enveloped in a cloud that profane eyes

dared not seek to penetrate. He ate

alone, and the sacred dishes prepared

for him numbered eight. In the eyes

of his relatives, let alone his coun-

ters, he was a superior and

august personage, and they paid him

almost divine honors. His family only

knew him as he really was. Others

were compelled to prostrate themselves

before him, and on the very threshold

of the audience chamber. They crawled

like reptiles to the foot of the throne.

To commit the crime of high treason it

was not necessary merely to touch

him or offend him in any way; it was

sufficient to see him without permis-

sion.

And now here comes the hated for-

eigner dragging him down from his

high state, as if he were but a common

mortal. How rude must be the shouts

of those abject slaves of his will who

held that he had away over the winds

and tempests; that he could control

the elements, fertilize the earth, and

soften the hearts of men as easily as he

could cause a head to be chopped off at

a sign.

And not alone was his person sacred,

but everything that belonged to him.

A mere bit of yellow stuff thrown over

a chair received the same homage as

himself. When in far distant provinces

one of his edicts arrived it was received

in the midst of genuflections, prayers

and clouds of incense. Everything he

made use of was of a special signifi-

cance and adorable.

The present Emperor is the ninth

sovereign of the Tsing dynasty. He

succeeded to the throne in 1875, when the

Emperor Tung-Chi died without issue,

and was then only four years old. During

his minority, the eastern and western

Emperors Dowager administered the

affairs of the empire as regents. The

death of the Eastern Empress in 1881

left the other Empress sole regent

thereafter. The Emperor nominally

took the reins of the government in

March 1887, but did not assume full

control till two years later. He was

married in February, 1889.

There is a romance attached to his

marriage. He is said to be the hero of

a love affair and the victim of an un-

happy marriage. The Empress Dow-

ager was said to be at the bottom of the

trouble. The Chinese Book of Rites is a

curious affair. It provides how the oc-

cupant of the Dragon Throne shall pro-

vide himself with a consort. Accord-

ing to custom the eligible daughters of

the great Manchou nobles assembled at

the palace to have their respective mer-

its considered and passed upon. But

the youthful Emperor was already smit-

ten with the youthful charms of the

daughter of a Manchou military offi-

cer, and he expressed his intention to

share his throne with her. He also se-

lected another fair damsel, whose be-

auty struck his youthful heart with ad-

miration, for his second wife, or, to use

the Biblical word, concubine.

But the wary old lady, who so long

and so ably wielded the sceptre during

his minority, had no intention of allow-

ing the young Emperor to follow his

beast in this matter, and had already

made a match for him

himself, by which the throne would

be shared by one of her own

family. The lady whom she selected

was her own niece, Yeh-eh-nah, the

daughter of the youngest brother of the

Empress Dowager. She was anything

but a beauty from a Chinese or Manchou

point of view, and after a great many

"scenes" and violent altercations be-

tween the boy Emperor and the

Empress Dowager she proved her

authority by having the marriage with

her niece consummated. The Emperor

regarded both the Empress Consort and

her imperial aunt with an intense

hated, which daily grew stronger. It

was this state of things which was at

the bottom of the trouble that daily

worked within the palace, while out-

side the prospects of the reign of the

Emperor were imperiled, and the parti-

sans of both sides were active among

the officials.

Nor would the gorgon of the Dragon

Throne allow his youthful occupant to

console himself by bringing the fair

Elvira into his harem, but selected two

strong and handsome damsels, also of

the imperial clan, to form the nucleus of

the seraglio, which Chinese custom

prescribes shall be limited to seven,

but which is practically unlimited.

The young Emperor was urged by

his tutor, the great Ung Tung-ho—the

most powerful man at the present mo-

ment in China, and the one who really

governs the Emperor's acts—to marry

the lady whom the Empress Dowager

flouted, and the old lady, afterward

learning of Ung's part in the business,

gave him a warm piece of her royal

mind. She had already enlisted on her